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To: Tim Kirschbaum
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Subject: Re: Hidden Valley - Minor Exploration Permit of 2006 - Notification Update

CC: John Gefferth; Jonathan Pachter; Karl Houskeeper; Steve Christensen; ...

Tim - If you plan on keeping the three holes open they need to be included in the current MRP with a line item for reclamation and bonding and probably update the hydro section to indicate what frequency and samples will be collected. Maps should be updated as well to show the location of the holes in the MRP.

Any questions, please let me know.

Pam

>>> "Kirschbaum, Tim" <TimKirschbaum@consolenergy.com> 6/5/2007 3:47 PM >>>
Pam,

As an update to the Hidden Valley Minor Exploration Permit approved in 2006, the Division is being notified that the following drill holes have been left open for possible use as monitoring wells:

HV-06-01
HV-06-02
HV-06-03

These three holes were the only exploration holes drilled under the proposed 2006 drilling program. The reduction from the proposed 9 holes was due to extreme difficulty with weather and water encountered during the drilling. Within the Minor Exploration Permit the drill holes were to be reclaimed by completely filling with cement. Due to the water encountered, it was decided after drilling the 3 holes they could possibly help provide hydrologic data for the reserve area. Based on that decision these 3 holes were only partially filled and completed as monitoring holes.

Currently, the company is reevaluating the entire area for a future hydrologic drilling program. On completion of this evaluation which is anticipated to be at the end of this summer, a revision will be filed with the Division concerning the Minor Exploration Permit.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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